

Interview Summary

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.133(b), please make of record this summary of the February 18, 2010 interview between Examiner Duong and the undersigned. The Applicants appreciate the opportunity given to interview Examiner Duong relative to the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

During the interview, WO 01/06876 to Matsumoto (hereinafter Matsumoto) and JP 11201624 to Sanpei (hereinafter Sanpei) were discussed. The Examiner explained his interpretation of Matsumoto and Sanpei. The undersigned proposed amending independent claim 9 to include “gas permeation of the antibacterial agent by adsorption of the antibacterial agent on the wall,” as presented in amended claim 9 above.

Upon initial review of the proposed amendment to claim 9, Examiner Duong preliminarily indicated that such an amendment may overcome the rejection based on Matsumoto and Sanpei. The undersigned also explained during the interview that support for such an amendment to claim 9 can be found at least at page 10, line 30 through page 11, line 3.